Forsyth County Department of Social Services Board Minutes
October 24, 2011

Call to Order 8:05am

Present: Walter Marshall, Evelyn Terry, Nancy Young, R. Michael Wells, Sr., David Plyler, Joe Raymond, Daphne Taylor, Gloria Woods, Ava Smith-Pegues, Pat Read

Call to Order was given at 8:02am

Information

There were no staff introductions and no public comments.
The Director's Report included
- Ms. Terry and Ms. Young's report on attending the KBR site visit to DSS on October 11
- 8 DSS staff and 2 Board members will attend the 89th Annual Social Services Institute on October 26-28 in Hickory, NC
- Forsyth County may lose TANF Block Grant which will impact CPS

Consent
The September Minutes were approved on a motion by Mr. Plyler, second by Ms. Young

Strategic

- The Director will develop a strategy for a community conversation with about 6 – 10 Forsyth stakeholders to discuss child care funding
- Food and Nutrition grows by approximately 120 cases per month and is at approximately 900 caseloads per worker
- The agency's automation efforts continue to make progress, issues change daily, and more than half of FNS staff are using FAMIS
- The NC Fast Initiative
  - Still projected for a February 2012 pilot in 5 counties (not Forsyth)
  - It is extremely concerning that the state has changed their intention to allow counties to upload data from local county case management systems: instead counties are being forced to use NCFAST on the front end: additionally. Counties will have to manually enter case data (at the normal review cycle) to get data into NCFAST: this means that Forsyth will spend 15 minutes to 75 minutes per cases (FNS has 25,000 cases) manually entering this data after NCFAST goes live
- The Director has been assisting the state and NCACDSS plan a Strategic Leadership Summit to discuss the massive amount of changes (technology, program consolidation and, simplification, child welfare, etc.) heading to local DSS's in the next few years

The meeting adjourned at 9:15am.